

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A process for preparing an isocyanate, ~~said process~~ comprising:

reacting a primary amine with phosgene in a reactor, ~~wherein a reaction discharge from said reactor is in the form of a suspension comprising said isocyanate, as a liquid, and a carbamyl chloride, as a solid;~~ and

working up said suspension a reaction discharge from the reactor in a film evaporator;
wherein the reaction discharge from the reactor comprises a suspension including the isocyanate as a liquid and a carbamyl chloride as a solid.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the film evaporator is an apparatus which has no moving parts.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the film evaporator is a falling-film evaporator.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The process as claimed in claim 1, ~~wherein a further comprising subjecting a discharge from the film evaporator to distillation in a distillation column is connected downstream of the film evaporator.~~

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~ The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein working up the reaction discharge comprises the suspension is worked working up the reaction discharge in two or more film evaporators at least a first film evaporator and a second film evaporator, which are arranged in series and operate at different pressure levels.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~The process as claimed in claim 5, wherein:
the first film evaporator operates at a pressure of from 0.5 to 25 bar; and
the second film evaporator ~~has~~operates at a pressure ~~which is of~~ from 0.01 to 1 bar
lower than the pressure of the first film evaporator.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
carbamyl chloride is present in the suspension in an amount of from 0.01 to 35% by weight,
based on ~~the~~a weight of the isocyanate to be prepared.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): ~~A~~The process as claimed in claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~
suspension further comprises amine hydrochloride and urea.

Claim 9 (Withdrawn): A production plant comprising
a reactor wherein a primary amine is reacted with phosgene and
at least one film evaporator wherein a reaction discharge of said reactor, which is
present in the form of a suspension comprising said isocyanate, as a liquid, and a carbamyl
chloride, as a solid, is fed.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A method for working up a reaction discharge from
a phosgenation reactor, ~~said the~~ method comprising:
working up ~~said the~~ reaction discharge from ~~said the~~ phosgenation reactor in a film
evaporator;

wherein ~~said~~ the reaction discharge ~~is in the form of~~ comprises a suspension ~~comprising said~~ including the ~~isocyanate,~~ isocyanate as a ~~liquid,~~ liquid and a carbamyl ~~chloride,~~ chloride as a solid.